

Southwick & Widley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Eisenhower Room, D-day Memorial Hall, Southwick on Tuesday 10th January, 2012 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr J. Watson (Chairman)
Mr B. Welch
Mr J. Cooper
Mr A. Richards
Mrs J. Houghton
Mrs S. West
Mrs C Hatcher
Mrs D Beswick
Mrs E Verity

Also present:

Warrant Officer Martin – Southwick Park
Rev. B. Green
PCSO's B. Towler and O. Reeves
One member of the public

In attendance:-

Eddie Mason – Clerk to the Council.

12.001 Apologies for absence: - None

12.002 The Minutes of the previous meeting: - Proposed Mrs C Hatcher seconded Mrs S West and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December 2011 should be signed as a true and accurate record.

12.03 Matters Arising:

- i) Mrs West said that she had not been able to contact her relative that works at the County Council, whom she had hoped would provide her with information about the white signs that had been put up advertising the habitat of wild flowers.

Mr Watson said that he had received a reply from Hampshire County Council saying that its contractors had been inadvertently cutting through and destroying sites that had been designated as of 'Special Scientific Interest' and to stop this they had applied for a European Community grant and the signs came from the money allocated to it by the EU to stop SSI sites being destroyed in Hampshire.

- ii) With regard to the Council's on-going project to obtain an improved bus service, Mr Watson reported that he had not received replies from the letters that he had sent out, but he was aware that Boarhunt had made provision in their precepts to participate and provide financial support for an improved bus scheme.
- iii) Mr Watson said that he is in the process of re-convening the 'Playing Field' working party which he hoped would resume in February.
- iv) Mrs Houghton suggested that the D-Day Memorial Hall obtains an additional bin to accommodate the rubbish that is being left outside after functions.

Mr Watson said that he would talk to the Hall Committee.

12.004 Public Participation:

- i) The Reverend Green asked if the Parish Council had any plans to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Mr Watson said that Sports and Social Committee are in the process of arranging an event but are taking care not to conflict with any arrangements being made by Southwick Park.

Reverend suggested that the two should combine their resources.

Warrant Officer Martin said that he would find out and report back as to what Southwick Park intended to do.

12.005 Community Safety: - PCSO's Barry Towler and Owen Reeves said that although the police had had a very busy new year as far as Southwick was concerned it has been very quiet with only one minor motoring incident.

- i) The heavy wind has brought down four trees although none presented a danger to the public.
- ii) Speeding through Southwick is being treated as a priority resulting in several motorists have been charged.
- iii) There have been some sporadic thefts of domestic diesel fuel.

12.006 Correspondence – All of the correspondence had been issued to the Councillors before the meeting.

12.007 Playing field matters: Nothing to discuss.

12.008 Street Lighting Matters:

- i) It was reported that the glass is broken on light No. 4 and it is not working.

The Clerk to report this to Southern Electric Contracting.

12.009 Roads & Highway matters:

- i) Mr Cooper reported:-
 - a) That there is going to be work done on the Southwick Denmead Road.
 - b) That he wanted to be the focal point for the community to report highways problems to until the new County Councillor has been replaced.
 - c) Pigeon House Lane is to have maintenance work undertaken Mr Cooper said that he spoken to Darren Lewis in the absence of a County Councillor regarding this work.
 - d) Newlands Farm has new warning signs.
- ii) Mrs West said that the trees are damaging the footpaths in Castle Road and that parking is a problem.

Mr Cooper said that he would take this on board although he did not see it as an easy problem to solve as there is a dilemma between those wanting to get rid of the trees so the pavements can be repaired and those determined to keep the trees.

12.010 Planning Matters:

- i) Mr Watson said that the Parish had received an application from Dukes Meadows – West of Watlooville about their proposed housing and a response was required by 1st February 2012.

Mr Watson said that as there is nothing contentious with the application that Mr Welch and he should be given delegated responsibility to give the Parish Council's response.

Proposed Mr Richards and seconded by Mrs Houghton that delegated responsibility should be granted to Mr Watson and Mr Welch.

- ii) Mr Watson said that more thought needs to be given to the Parish Plan and that Mr Steve Lincoln – Winchester City Council – Community Planning Manager is prepared to come and give a talk to the Parish Council at its next Council Meeting.

12.011 Members business:

- i) Mr Cooper:
 - a) Suggested that whoever is elected as County Councillor at the bye-election should be invited to be guest speaker at the Parish Assembly.
 - b) Reported that the grant application for the D-Day Memorial Hall had not been approved in this financial year but he is optimistic that it will be approved in next year's after 1st April in the next financial year.
 - c) He Said that the £5000 grant awarded to the Post Office had been paid that the work would commence soon.
 - d) Reported that he is optimistic that the public access computer will be available this year.

- e) Mr Cooper wants to pursue the refurbishment of Lea Hall with grants supported by Winchester City Council.

Mrs Verity felt that the if money was spent on Lea Hall then it would create a competitor that would be to the detriment of the D-Day Memorial Hall.

- ii) Mrs Beswick said that the trees in Norton Close need cutting back.
 iii) Mr Watson said that refuse is not being collected from the bottom half of the village.

Mr Cooper said that he would report this to Winchester City Council.

12.012 Orders for Payment:

- i) Proposed Mr Richards seconded Mr Welch and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should pay its bills:

Cheque List January 2012

Transaction	Cheque No	Creditors Name	Payment For	Gross	VAT	Nett
542	001102	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	3.45	0.00	3.45
541	001102	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Postage)	20.92	0.00	20.92
543	001102	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses (Mileage)	8.08	0.00	8.08
544	001102	Eddie Mason	Clerks Expenses	20.00	0.00	20.00
545	001102	Eddie Mason	Clerks Salary	193.73	0.00	193.73
546	001103	HM Customs and Inland	clerks Tax	48.60	0.00	48.60
547	001104	Southern Electric Contracting	Street Lighting	147.11	24.52	122.59
548	001105	Home & Garden Property Ser	Grounds Maintenance	215.00	0.00	215.00
549	001106	Mr Dillon (Litter Picker)	Litter Collection	121.00	0.00	121.00
550	001107	D-Day Memorial Hall - Hall Hire	Hire of Room	240.00	0.00	240.00
Totals Paid				1017.89	24.52	993.37

Transaction 547 was withheld until the work claimed had been undertaken.

- ii) Section 137 Grants:
 Proposed Mr Welch seconded Mr Richards that the following grants be approved:

Parish Magazine	£100.00
Home Start	£100.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00
St Nicholas's Church	£500.00

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of the next meetings: 7th February 2012